

"I stand with seniors in our community and country to strengthen Social Security and Medicare," said Congresswoman Kaptur. "I believe Social Security is a compact between generations, and a compact America will keep. I oppose proposals such as the Republican proposal to eliminate Medicare as we know it, turning it into a voucher plan that benefits the big insurance companies and making it unaffordable for seniors."

"These days, the federal government seems to find money for everything—schools in Afghanistan, tax breaks for Big Oil, billions for Wall Street. But when it comes to keeping promises to senior citizens who have earned their Social Security benefits and eligibility for Medicare benefits, then we get a political fight on our hands."

"We know that Social Security is sound until 2036. Medicare as a result of the new health care law is sound until 2024. Without the Affordable Care Act, we would face an emergency situation. The most important step we have to take to strengthen Social Security and Medicare is to keep our economy growing so people go back to work. That would do more than an voucher plan to strengthen both systems."